

Edwards: \$2.5 Million from Stimulus Will Complete Improvements at SH6 and Barron Road Interchange

(WASHINGTON, DC) – U.S. Representative Chet Edwards announced that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has committed \$2,554,689 in federal stimulus funding to complete improvements at State Highway 6 (SH 6) and Barron Road Interchange.

“I am glad TxDOT reevaluated its list of projects receiving stimulus funds to include completion of the SH6 and Barron Road Interchange in College Station,” said Edwards. “It will not only ease serious traffic congestion in College Station, but will also reduce the risks of serious accidents on the Earl Rudder Freeway”

The \$2.5 million for road improvements at SH6 and Barron Road Interchange follows \$2.9 million in funds secured by Edwards in 2005 and 2006 for this project. The Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will also contribute nearly \$6 million toward the renovations, with most of the funding coming from the federal stimulus bill. The additional stimulus funds will fully complete the interchange improvements.

In 2005, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) converted the SH 6 frontage roads to one-way operation in south College Station. While this conversion is necessary to address critical safety concerns, the majority of traffic from the Barron Road area must now use local streets to go northbound, significantly increasing congestion. This interchange will provide an opportunity for northbound traffic to use SH 6 and relieve excessive traffic volumes from local collectors.

“The City of College Station looks forward to the completion of this much needed project and thanks Representative Edwards for his assistance over several years to make this project a reality,” said College Station Mayor Ben White.

Brazos County will also receive \$13,523,024 in federal stimulus funding for other transportation projects throughout the county. These projects will be funded at the following levels.

Widen FM 60 from FM 50 to Old River \$10,578,485 Resurface SH 21 (FM 2818 to FM 158) \$1,059,977 Resurface SH 21 (east of FM 974 to Bluebonnet St) \$157,235 Resurface FM 60 (FM 2818 to Discovery Drive) \$408,170 Resurface FM 60 (Texas Ave to Tarrow Street) \$234,864 Resurface FM 2347 \$664,293 Resurface FM 1179 \$420,000